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Come on boys, send in your announcements. It will take \$25.00 to get into the game. As soon as the executive committee meets they will "see" your \$25.00 and raise it to about five per cent of the "pot." Then you can "raise it" or get out of the game.

It is probable that our sister town Fort Ogden, that has remained dormant for so many years will take a boom now that the new railroad will, when completed, touch there. Fort Ogden is backed up by a splendid farming section. Also is the gateway into the large prairie, one of the best cattle ranges in the state—and with all these facilities, should number among the most progressive towns in the county.

CLEAN UP YOUR PREMISES.

It is the duty of the city marshal to see that papers and trash are not thrown on the street. Mr. Marshal, you are not doing your duty. Stand on the railroad and look both ways on Oak street. If you don't see something demanding your attention, come up and get a year's subscription free.

It appears to us that civic pride would dictate to any man the necessity for keeping his premises clean, decent and respectable. From the condition of one or two of the business places on Main street we are forced to the conclusion that the owner or owners care nothing for the looks of the town or their own premises. This being the case, the law should step in and see that the parties are made to clean up and at once. One place on Oak street is enough to bring a blush of shame to the cheek of every citizen of the town.

WITH THE CANDIDATES.

Col. R. E. Brown makes his bow to the public this week and says he wants to serve them as county judge. "Bob" Brown is a DeSoto county boy, is thoroughly competent to fill the position he is asking for, and will be a worthy successor to the present efficient judge.

"Bo" Brown is a full graduate of the Washington and Lee University, of Virginia, one of the best law schools in the South. The legal training thus obtained, coupled with his common sense, good judgment, energy and integrity, fit and qualify him to fill this important position.

You will make no mistake to vote for "Bob" Brown for county judge.

The attention of the voters is directed to the announcement of W. M. Platt, who is a candidate for the office of county treasurer. For the past several years, to all intents and purposes Mr. Platt has been treasurer, having attended to all the duties of the office for the present treasurer. If elected he will no doubt make a worthy and competent official.

In this issue James A. Hendry announces himself as a candidate for the office of county treasurer. Mr. Hendry is a native of DeSoto county, a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of the county, and is well qualified to attend to the duties of the office. If elected he will no doubt give satisfaction.

THE NEW ARCADIA.

Buildings are being pushed as rapidly as material can be procured. The foundation for W. H. Seward's brick building has been laid and lumber is being put on the ground. When completed this will probably be the best finished building in the city. The interior will be finished in plate glass and plate glass mirrors and will be used by Mr. Seward to accommodate his fast increasing dry goods business.

The foundation of the O. H. Parker brick building is complete, and work on the walls will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The lower part will be made into two store rooms, while the upper story will be made into rooms suitable for offices or bed rooms.

L. L. Morgan's outside foundation walls have been finished and the concrete blocks for the walls are being

ing put on the ground as rapidly as they can be made.

The concrete foundation for the Esplanade building is about complete and will be ready for the concrete wall blocks next week. The lower story of this building will be used by Mr. Esplanade for his large beef and green grocery business, and the upstairs will be the home of the Champion.

The concrete foundation for E. A. Houston's artificial stone building is complete and will be ready for the blocks next week. This will be a two story building and will be used by the Arcadia Mercantile Co. for their hardware and harness department.

The contract has been let by W. E. Daniels for a two story artificial stone building 40x100 feet and the excavation for foundation is now being made.

Gore & Scott have let the contract for a two story artificial stone building, to contain three stores on the first floor and large display rooms on the second floor.

Plans are being prepared for J. J. Heard for a block of artificial stone buildings, on his corner next to the First National Bank.

E. T. Smith is having plans prepared for the largest building in the city. It will be of brick, three stories high and fitted with an electric elevator so that he can handle his immense hardware and furniture business with dispatch.

Simmons, Langford & Co. will erect a three-story artificial stone building on the site of their old building, at the corner of Oak street and DeSoto avenue.

J. L. Jones, C. C. Carlton and F. Morqu will soon let the contract for a building of artificial stone to cover their five lots on Oak street. This building will be divided into five stores and used by the owners.

C. C. Chollar has had plans prepared for a ten room concrete residence to be erected on the site of his present residence.

T. J. Youmans has just moved into his new residence on Brevard avenue.

S. Rosin has just let the contract for a fine residence to be located on Brevard avenue in the same block as the Youmans residence.

W. F. Britt has just completed two residences on his block north of the court house.

There are four residences under course of construction in South Arcadia and four in North Arcadia.

The ground is being prepared and the material put on the ground for the new \$12,000 school building. This building will be built of artificial stone and will be a magnificent structure.

With all these buildings going up we anticipate a much greater activity in business this summer than ordinarily.

BROWNVILLE.

Brownville, March 14

C. Orr is having a nice dwelling house erected on his pretty place, which, when completed, will add much to our little town.

Willie Moore has opened a cool drink stand in Brooker Bros. store. Owing to the rain Sunday, our quarterly meeting was not as well attended as was expected.

Miss Willye Ellis left Sunday for Popash to attend the three months training school, taught by H. G. Murphy.

Mrs. W. G. Welles of Nocatee spent Sunday with home folks.

Among those who attended church here Saturday and Sunday were, J. R. Durran, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Platt, Mrs. W. R. Varn, Miss Williams, Lily; Mr. and Mrs. Worth, Misses Whidden and Coker, and Mrs. Newton, Gardner.

Joe Thomas of Pine has been casting his winnings smiles at one of our fair sex this week.

After spending several days with home folks this week Miss Effie Hollingsworth returned to her duties in Torrey.

Lloyd Carlton of Wauchula was visiting friends here Sunday.

Tax Assessor F. M. Cooper was here Monday transacting business.

Thos. Waldron of Arcadia was here on business Tuesday.

W. J. Odom of Ft. Myers was looking after his property here Monday.

Universal Habit.

Lives there a man who has not said,

"Tomorrow I'll get out of bed at six o'clock and get things done before the setting of the sun."

Lives there a man who has not said at six A. M., "How good this bed does feel," and snores till after eight.

Then wonders how he slept so late. —Grace G. Bostwick.

Epidemics of History.

In the twelfth century not less than fifteen epidemics of disease and many famines carried off the people of England. The thirteenth century saw twenty plagues and nineteen famines, while the fourteenth had a black record of disease. In 1348 the "black plague" or "black death," which was brought into the country from the east, caused the death of 100,000 persons in London alone, while in Europe altogether 25,000,000 people fell victims to its ravages. In 1485 the "sweating sickness" appeared in England, causing great destruction of human life. It reappeared at various intervals for a century thereafter. The last terrible visitation of the plague in England was in 1604-05, by which 100,000 lives were lost in London alone. This epidemic was followed by the great fire of 1666, which destroyed 10,000 houses, including all the most densely populated portions of the city. The rebuilding of London with some regard to sanitary laws appears to have put the first check on the epidemic diseases that had previously devastated its population.

Played What He Pleased.

Henry Smart, the English composer, played a fine organ in a London church, and his recital after service attracted much attention. But one morning after a selection from one of Mozart's masses a church warden came into the organ loft and "begged to inform Mr. Smart that they had decided that they could not have such jiggy stuff played in their church."

"Very well, sir," was the answer; "it shall be altered."

Next Sunday dirge-like sounds proceeded from the organ, and the warden congratulated the player on the solemn and elevating effect of the music. "I am glad you like it," answered Mr. Smart. "Doubtless if I play it a little quicker you will see the reason why it affected you." And, suiting the action to the word, the popular strains of "Jump Jim Crow" resounded from the organ. After this Henry Smart played what he liked.—London Telegraph.

Value of Walking and Riding.

A brisk daily walk or a ride on horseback beats any more elaborate forms of physical exercise for simplicity combined with efficiency. In walking, especially if the ground is somewhat undulating, a very large number of muscles are brought into natural and easy play, sufficient, at any rate, to stimulate the circulation, which in its turn compels full expansion of the lungs and due aeration of the blood. The professional or business man requires no more than this to keep him fit for his duties, provided he follows the ordinary rules of health in respect of bathing, eating, drinking and clothing. If he is afflicted with a sluggish liver, indigestion or inactivity of the alimentary canal as a whole, a man may derive more benefit to health on horseback. But that is really a curative form of exercise.—London Chronicle.

Pawnbrokers in China.

Pawnbrokers in China are the bankers of the people and could not be dispensed with. The poor Chinaman, unlike the poor European, does not wear his winter clothes until they are fit only to be discarded. When the Chinese officials order that summer clothing shall be donned, the poor Chinaman pawns his winter's suit, and with the proceeds, supplemented by a little cash, he redeems his previous summer garb or buys new attire. Pawnbroking, writes Mr. Cunningham in the Chinese Soldier, is to the respectable Chinaman of limited means a weekly round.

The Public Drinking Cup.

When it is necessary to relieve one's thirst abroad, if the cup be filled quite full and placed to the mouth in such a way that the rim will be about half an inch below the under lip, one can drink from the surface of the water. In this way no part of the vessel, to which some particles of poisonous matter may still be clinging, will touch the delicate skin of the lip. It is hardly necessary to add that the water which adheres to the mouth and below the lips should be removed by a handkerchief and not by the tongue.

Candles as Bullets.

Concerning the shooting of a candle through a board a correspondent writes: "We selected a weather beaten pine fence board as a target and loaded the gun with three drams of black powder, followed by an ordinary 'stearin' candle, which fitted tightly. The candle passed through, making a clear cut hole, and buried itself in the sand back of the target. The candle, while somewhat torn, was still far from shapeless."

Saved Her Life.

Jack Ford—Did you see that girl cut me then? Frank Wilcox—I noticed she didn't bow. Jack Ford—And yet I saved her life! Frank Wilcox—How? Jack Ford—We were engaged, and finally she said she'd rather die than marry me, so I let her off.

A Natural Query.

Growell (in cheap restaurant)—Here, waiter! Are these mutton or pork chops? Waiter—Can't you tell by the taste? Growell—No. Waiter—Then what difference does it make what they are?—Illustrated Bits.

A Fatal Mistake.

Charitable Lady—But a man last week told me exactly the same story. Tramp—Yes, lady. Yes, I made a fatal mistake in not havin' the history of me life copyrighted.

His Business.

"What is Johnson's business?" "I think he is a bookkeeper; at least he never brought back the one he borrowed from me last summer."

Spring Time Is Coming

THE FARMER, as well as others, needs to cast about him for Bargains, and we have them in

—ALL KINDS OF—

Furniture, Hardware,
Farming Implements, Etc.

Barbed Wire
Pittsburg
A Large Store

Satisfaction
Arrived.

Large
FURNITURE

We have every thing for in Crockery, Glassware, Sotware.

Now is the time to buy if you wish to secure some of the best offering.

J. J. H.

E. F. Smith HARDWARE Co.,
FURNITURE
Arcadia, Florida.

OWENS.

Owens, March 13.—The orange trees of this section are blooming rather late for the season.

J. I. Anderson of Nocatee has bought an orange grove from L. M. Richardson. Consideration being \$900.

Miss Colicus Worley is attending school at Nocatee.

Mrs. Blanche Bell of Ft. Myers was in our community this week.

R. W. Miller made a business trip to Tampa recently.

J. H. Langford and W. S. Worley were on the grand jury this week.

Miss Bernice Worley spent Sunday with friends in Nocatee.

Miss Bessie Lastinger has gone to Popash to attend the teachers' training school at that place.

We are sorry to report that Miss Hellen Wilson, teacher at Brodie school, and little Hattie Barrow, were accidentally shot last Sunday.

Particulars not known by correspondent, but they are not dangerous.

Among those who went to Tampa to attend the United States court are W. S. Worley, H. C. and W. T. Wilson, Edd Hayman, Melvin Harrison and J. W. Bullock.

M. F. Lanier made a business trip to Arcadia Friday.

Mrs. F. L. Hancock of Arcadia is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith.

THROUGH TRAIN AND SLEEPING

Car Service Between Jacksonville, Fla., and Augusta, Ga.

Effective Jan. 10, 1906, the Atlantic Coast Line will inaugurate Pullman Sleeping car service between Jacksonville, Fla., and Augusta, Ga. Trains leave Jacksonville at 8:55 a. m. and arrive Augusta at 6:55 p. m., affording day-light service between the two points. Dining car service will be operated between Jacksonville and Yemassee for breakfast and lunch. Evening trains from all South Florida points make direct connection at Jacksonville, affording the quickest and best service between Florida and Augusta.

For further information see ticket agent or write

J. G. KIRKLAND,
D. P. A., Tampa, Fla.

Controlling Nature.

Everybody knows that of late years natural forces have been wonderfully subjected to man's need. We are dazzled by the spectacular achievements in steam and electricity but are likely to forget the less noisy but no less marvelous conquest of animal and plant life. Horses are swifter, cattle heavier, cows give more milk and sheep have finer fleeces than in days gone by. In plants the transformation is even more marked. People now living can remember when the number of edible fruits and vegetables was far less than at present and even those that could be grown were vastly inferior to what we now have. For example, our parents knew nothing of the tomato except as a curious ornament in the garden. Sweet corn was hardly better than the commonest field sorts. All oranges had seeds. Celery was was little known and poor in quality. In the flower bed the magnificent pansy has replaced the insignificant Heart's Ease from which it was developed, and the sweet pea in all its dainty splendor traces its origin to the common garden vegetable.

This progress has been made in spite of the great tendency manifested in all plants and animals to go back to the original type. It is indeed a battle to keep strains pure and up to the standard they have already attained, let alone any improvement. The practical results are accomplished by men operating largely for love of the work, like Luther Burbank in California and Eckford in England, as well as by the great seed merchants, D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Mich., who are not only eternally vigilant to hold what ground has been gained, but have a corps of trained specialists backed by ample means to conduct new experiments. The results of their experience can be found in their 1906 Seed Annual which they will send free to all applicants.

STATE BANK BARTOW.

Name of New Institution—Charter Applied For.

From the Bartow Courier-Informant.

During the last few days all arrangements have been completed and the incorporators of the new bank have made application for a charter, which is published in another column, for the "State Bank of Bartow."

The company is making preparations to begin business in about sixty days, and have purchased a handsome 6,000 pound safe from John S. Franz, of Jacksonville, agent for the Diebold Safe Co. This safe will be here in time for opening business.

It can be seen by a glance at the notice of incorporation that the company is composed of some of the leading and most successful business men of this county, and this is a guarantee of its solidity. With such men there is bound to be confidence, and confidence is the foundation of any bank.

ORLANDO DISTRICT.

First Round of Presiding Elder for Conference Year.

Lakeland, Jan. 27 and 28. Winter Haven at Prospect, Feb. 3 and 4, morning.

Mulberry, Feb. 4 evening, and Sanford, Feb. 10 and 11.

Oviedo, Feb. 17 and 18.

Oakland and Ocoee, Feb. 25.

Wauchula, March 3 and 4.

Brownville, March 10 and 11.

Punta Gorda, March 17 and 18.

Alva, March 24 and 25.

Everglades, March 29.

Ft. Myers, April 1 and 2.

J. W. BIGHAM, P. E.

Prospects.

Milkman—You're up early this morning, sir. Out for a little fresh air, I suppose.

Popey—Can't tell whether it's a fresh heir or heiress yet; just been for the doctor.—Philadelphia Press.

The state board of control held a meeting in this city last Monday and transacted a great deal of routine business, besides locating the positions for five buildings for the experimental station.—Gainesville Sun.